

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-59 are pending in the application. The Office Action requests election of one species from each of the following aspects of the invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- (a) A disinfectant from one mentioned on pages 10 or 11, (or elsewhere);
- (b) a detergent from one mentioned on page 11, (a elsewhere);
- (c) an organic acid from one mentioned on page 12 (or elsewhere);
- (d) a surface from one recited in claims 14 to 18, from the examples, (or elsewhere).

Applicants hereby elect solely for purposes of searching, the following Species: (a) doxycycline; (b) polysorbate 80; (c) citric acid; (d) an endodontic situs.

Applicants note that claims 1-15 and 17-58 read on the elected species and submits that claims 1-31, 34-56, and 59 are generic.

It is Applicants' understanding that this election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of Applicants' claims. It is Applicants' understanding also that, if the elected subject matter is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover other species, until it includes the full scope of the generic claims included in the elected group.

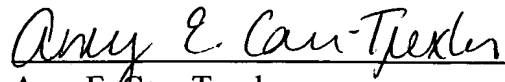
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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing represents a complete response to the Office Action, and Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-59 in their present form are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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